

agement of the airport to the public agency involved; except that the Secretary may not consider any request submitted to him after March 31, 1954."

(c) By adding thereto a new subsection (e) as follows:

"TIME LIMITATIONS ON MAKING OF CERTIFICATIONS

"(e) No certification pursuant to this section with respect to a request submitted to the Secretary after the date of enactment of this subsection (except a supplemental certification of the amount by which the actual cost of accomplished rehabilitation or repair exceeds the amount of a prior certification which was based on the estimated cost of such rehabilitation or repair) shall be made to the Congress after a date one year from the expiration of the period prescribed by law for the submittal of such request."

SEC. 2. There is hereby repealed the proviso contained in the appropriation to the Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, headed "Claims, Federal Airport Act" in chapter III of the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1951 (Public Law 45, Eighty-second Congress), reading as follows: "Provided, That no request for reimbursement of the cost of rehabilitation or repair of a public airport filed under section 17 of the Federal Airport Act shall be considered by the Secretary unless filed prior to July 1, 1951, and the Secretary shall make no certification to Congress after July 1, 1952, of the actual or estimated cost of such rehabilitation or repair."

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding the proviso of the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1951, cited in section 2 and the provisions of subsection (d) of section 17 of the Federal Airport Act, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to consider, pursuant to the said section 17, any request for reimbursement of the cost of rehabilitation or repair of a public airport, which is submitted to him within six months following the effective date of this Act, if such request would have met the time requirements of the said subsection (d) had it been filed on some date subsequent to June 30, 1951, and prior to the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding any provision of existing law to the contrary, all appropriations heretofore made to the Department of Commerce, pursuant to certifications made by that Department to the Congress under section 17 of the Federal Airport Act, for reimbursement of public agencies for the cost of rehabilitating or repairing public airports damaged by Federal agencies, shall remain available until expended.

Approved July 8, 1953.

Repeal of time limitation.

65 Stat. 56.

49 USC 1116.

Appropriations available.

49 USC 1116.

Public Law 106

CHAPTER 182

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing Lyle O. Snader temporarily to serve concurrently as Clerk and Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

July 9, 1953
[H. J. Res. 292]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Lyle O. Snader, of the State of Illinois, be, and he is hereby, authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, to serve concurrently as Clerk and Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives until another person is chosen by the House of Representatives to be and duly qualifies as Sergeant at Arms; and while the said Lyle O. Snader is so serving the compensation received by him as Clerk of the House of Representatives

House of Representatives.
Sergeant at Arms.

shall be in full discharge for any services rendered by him to the House of Representatives during such period of concurrent service.

Approved July 9, 1953.

Public Law 107

CHAPTER 183

July 9, 1953
[S. 694]

AN ACT

To prohibit the display of flags of international organizations or other nations in equal or superior prominence or honor to the flag of the United States except under specified circumstances, and for other purposes.

U. S. flag.
Display.

56 Stat. 1075.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 (c) of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to codify and emphasize existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America", approved June 22, 1942, as amended (36 U. S. C., sec. 175 (c)), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence:

"No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place within the United States or any Territory or possession thereof: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations."

Approved July 9, 1953.

Public Law 108

CHAPTER 184

July 10, 1953
[S. 106]

AN ACT

For the establishment of a Commission on Governmental Operations.

Commission on
Organization of the
Executive Branch
of the Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

DECLARATION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress to promote economy, efficiency, and improved service in the transaction of the public business in the departments, bureaus, agencies, boards, commissions, offices, independent establishments, and instrumentalities of the executive branch of the Government by—

- (1) recommending methods and procedures for reducing expenditures to the lowest amount consistent with the efficient performance of essential services, activities, and functions;
- (2) eliminating duplication and overlapping of services, activities, and functions;
- (3) consolidating services, activities, and functions of a similar nature;
- (4) abolishing services, activities, and functions not necessary to the efficient conduct of government;
- (5) eliminating nonessential services, functions, and activities which are competitive with private enterprise;
- (6) defining responsibilities of officials: and